

EXCERPT

**Leelanau County Board of Commissioners
Regular Session – Tuesday, April 20, 2021**

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| Roll Call: | District #1 | Rick Robbins | PRESENT |
| | #2 | Debra L. Rushton | PRESENT |
| | #3 | William J. Bunek | PRESENT |
| | #4 | Ty Wessell | PRESENT |
| | #5 | Patricia Soutas-Little | PRESENT |
| | #6 | Gwenne Allgaier | PRESENT |
| | #7 | Melinda C. Lautner | PRESENT |

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#098-04202021 Regular Session

MOTION BY SOUTAS-LITTLE THAT THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LEELANAU COUNTY TO DECLARE A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY TO REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL JUNE 30, 2021. SECONDED BY ALLGAIER.

Discussion.

ROLL CALL: Soutas-Little – YES; Wessell – YES; Allgaier – YES; Bunek – NO; Lautner – NO; Robbins – YES; Rushton – NO.

AYES – 4 NO – 3

MOTION CARRIED.

**Leelanau County Resolution #2021-006
Resolution Authorizing Leelanau County to Declare
a Local State of Emergency – Emergency Management**

WHEREAS, Leelanau County has been impacted by the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death; and

WHEREAS, Leelanau County must be able to continue government and business operations safely, without posing a danger to the public or county officials; and

WHEREAS, On October 16, 2020, Senate Bill 1108 extended the ability to hold public meetings electronically / virtually through December 31, 2020, and retroactively from March 18, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1108 further states that between January 1, 2021, and December 31, 2021, public meetings may be held electronically / virtually if there is declared a statewide or local state of emergency or state of disaster as described in section 3(2); and,

WHEREAS, On December 23, 2020, Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed into law Senate Bill 1246, extending the authority for public bodies to conduct electronic "virtual" meetings for any reason through March 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1246 has not been amended and expired on March 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Leelanau County, as of April 9, 2021, has experienced 1,062 confirmed cases of COVID 19; 16 confirmed COVID 19 related deaths; and cases are expected to continue through spring of 2021; and

WHEREAS, Leelanau County has received an insufficient amount of vaccine to address all currently eligible, groups and vaccinations for the general public may not be available for several months.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Leelanau County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes a Local Declaration of Emergency in order to protect the safety, health, and wellbeing of the public and government officials while conducting business utilizing an electronic / virtual platform to hold public meetings, and meet the requirements of the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of the County Board of Commissioners be authorized to sign the Local Declaration of Emergency for Leelanau County. The Local Declaration will cover all local jurisdictions within Leelanau County to conduct public meetings utilizing electric / virtual platforms. The Signed Local Declaration shall be submitted to Michigan State Police Emergency Management Division by the Leelanau County Emergency Management Director, and filed with the Leelanau County Clerk's Office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that due to the prolonged nature of this event, this emergency declaration may remain in effect until June 30, 2021, or when the Board acts to terminate or extend the state of emergency.



State of Michigan
County of Leelanau

I, Michelle L. Crocker, Clerk of said County and Clerk of Circuit Court for said County, the same being a Court of record having a seal, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Record now remaining in my office and of the whole thereof. In Testimony whereof, I have hereto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Circuit Court the 20th day of April 2021.


Michelle L. Crocker, Leelanau County Clerk